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Amendment
Response to Office Action mailed March 06, 2006

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REMARKS

The Office Action of March 06, 2006 has been studied, along with the prior art, both cited and applied by the Examiner. In response, objected to claims have been rewritten as independent claim 1, i.e., claim 1 now incorporates the limitations of original claims 2 and 5. The dependencies of selected other claims have been altered in order to provide for a fair and complete scope of protection for the invention.

In addition, new independent claim 28 more particularly highlights that the two piece prism-cartridge arrangement is advantageously made from unlike types of materials for the cartridge and detector components. Support for this language is found at page 2, lines 16-18 of the specification. This permits the prism component to be produced separately from the ink cartridge and assembled or mounted as shown in the various embodiments (for example, Figures 4-6) and as taught at page 5, lines 4-8. It is believed that the prior art does not provide any fair teaching or suggestion, whether found in any individual reference or in any combination of the documents without impermissibly using hindsight from applicants' own disclosure to provide the motivation for such a combination.

Consequently, all claims are deemed to be in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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